

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MITCHELL KEITH GOODRUM,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-02164-CDS-BNW

**SERVICE ORDER**

This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 6.) Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on May 25, 2022. (ECF No. 9.) The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 9, 13.) The minutes from that mediation proceeding indicate that settlement was not reached. (ECF No. 23.)

Plaintiff filed a notice of a global settlement agreement on August 2, 2022, and then moved twice for the Court to order a response from the Defendants regarding the alleged agreement. (ECF Nos. 14, 15, 18.) The Defendants opposed Plaintiff's motion, explaining that no global settlement offer had ever been made to Plaintiff. (ECF No. 19.) In response, Plaintiff moved to withdraw the settlement offer. (ECF No. 20.) Because the Defendants responded to Plaintiff's notice of a global settlement agreement, Plaintiff's motions requesting a response (ECF Nos. 15, 18) are denied as moot. And because settlement was not reached during mediation, Plaintiff's motion to withdraw his settlement offer (ECF No. 20) is also denied as moot.

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 6) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the

1 event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
2 1915(b)(2).

3 2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the  
4 necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

5 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the  
6 Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of Mitchell Keith  
7 Goodrum, # 1213846 to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of  
8 the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350  
9 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the  
10 Finance Division of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the attention of  
11 **Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections**, P.O. Box 7011, Carson  
12 City, NV 89702.

13 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy  
14 of Plaintiff's first amended complaint (ECF No. 11) on the Office of the Attorney General of the  
15 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This  
16 does not indicate acceptance of service.

17 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order  
18 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

19 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 9), within twenty-one (21)  
20 days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a notice advising the  
21 Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the names  
22 of the defendants for whom it does not accept service, and (c) the names of the defendants for  
23 whom it is filing the last-known-address information under seal. As to any of the named  
24 defendants for whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file,  
25 under seal, but shall not serve the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those  
26 defendant(s) for whom it has such information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a  
27 post office box, the Attorney General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known  
28 physical address(es).

